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KAU SING DISPUTE.

COMM'DR. HOLE REPLIES TO CHAMBER.

ADHERES TO HIS ADVOCACY OF TWIN SCREWS.

TUGMASTER QUESTION.

We have received from the Colonial Secretariat a copy of the Harbour Master's reply sent to the Secretary of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce under yesterday's date, in which Commander Hole deals with the points raised in the Chamber's recent letter to the Press on the subject.

Commander Hole states that in his recent Sessional Paper on the matter he intended to convey that for purely rescue work in the harbour during typhoon weather, the Kau Sing's boiler installation is satisfactory, but if she is required to undertake the work of an emergency lifeboat, the installation cannot be so regarded.

He agrees with the Chamber in being opposed to fitting Diesel or any other type of motor engines to this type of tug.

Commander Hole adheres to his contention that twin screws are better than single for the purposes for which the Kau Sing was built, and contends that the "Saint" Class of tug built during the war by the Admiralty were for quite a different purpose in which the same factors do not operate.

It is conceded that the duties of tugmaster are highly specialised, but the Harbour Master thinks it would be uneconomical to import such a tugmaster from Home, and asserts that the boarding officers employed on the Kau Sing have proved their efficiency.

OPPOSED TO MOTOR ENGINES.

The Harbour Master's reply is as follows:

I wish to point out in the first place that my remarks in Sessional Paper No. 2 of 1929 were not included as a complete general criticism of the Kau Sing. Such criticisms as were offered were intended merely to supplement the answers to the questions asked by Sir Henry Pollock in regard to the feasibility and cost of substituting motor engines for the present engines of the Kau Sing.

In summarising what is described to be my case, the Chamber of Commerce states that I intended to convey that "the boiler installation is unsatisfactory because long a time is taken in getting up steam;" what I actually said was: "from cold boilers it takes 12 hours to raise steam, and even with fires banked in one boiler it is not considered safe to leave outside harbour limits until such time as steam has been raised in the second boiler."

Position Made Clear.

I did not intend to convey that for the purpose for which the Kau Sing was specially designed, that is, to render assistance to shipping during the typhoon weather, the boiler installation was considered unsatisfactory, since ample warning is normally received of the approach of typhoons, and also during the typhoon season, from the 15th of June till the 15th of October approximately, the Kau Sing is always kept under a steam pressure of 10 pounds with banked fires.

If on the other hand the Kau Sing is expected to be able to raise steam quickly, and go out to the assistance of shipping in distress outside the harbour when she is not under banked fires, as in the case of the Hsin Wah, then the present boiler installation must be considered unsatisfactory. This would apply only during the period from the 15th of October till the 15th of June when the Kau Sing is not under banked fires.

"Saint" Class Tugs.

With regard to (b) the Chamber of Commerce based its case for a single screw on the performance of the "Saint" Class of tug, but I would point out that this class of tug was built by the Admiralty during the War specially for the purpose of being despatched to give the assistance of ships which had been torpedoed and to tow them to the nearest convenient port. For such work there is no doubt whatever that a single screw tug is more efficient than a twin screw tug of the same horse-power, since a single screw has a better hold on the water and so gives better towing power.

On the arrival of a "Saint" Class tug at the place where a ship had been disabled it did not matter whether she took five minutes or half an hour to pass a tow to the damaged ship, as the loss of time incurred thereby was not of paramount importance. Such

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TELEPHONE LINES DAMAGED.

FIRE AT DUDDELL ST. EXCHANGE.

GIRL OPERATORS REMEMBER FIRE DRILL.

A MINOR OUTBREAK.

But for prompt action by members of the European staff of the Hongkong Telephone Company, a small fire which broke out in the company's Duddell Street Exchange shortly after nine o'clock this morning might have been attended by more serious consequences.

Smoke was observed to be issuing from one of the switchboard positions, by a switchgirl, who instantly left her post and gave the alarm. When she had done this, she immediately got into touch with the Company's office in Des Voeux Road, and members of the European staff rushed to the exchange, where they soon subdued the flames with fire extinguishers.

Although the Fire Brigade came quickly to the scene, they arrived too late to assist.

Dash for Safety.

About 100 girls were present in the building when the fire was discovered and the alarm raised. The Telephone Company is very strict with regard to fire drill, and it was undoubtedly due to this fact that there was no panic among the employees.

The girls fled out in orderly manner to the street, where they stood in little groups until the fire was under control, when they returned to the building.

System Suspended.

The Company's officers cut off the power for the whole of the exchange as soon as the fire was reported, so that for half an hour the entire telephone system was out of action. The section of the switchboard where the fire was centred will not be in operation for at least 24 hours, as mechanics will be engaged upon it in an effort to trace the cause of the outbreak. About 200 lines will be effected on this account.

An Old Building.

But for the promptness of the Telephone Company's staff in reaching the scene, the fire might easily have been responsible for serious damage, and possibly loss of life.

The Duddell Street Exchange is an old building, and once a fire got a hold, there is little doubt that it would burn like tinder. There are generally over one hundred girls, either Chinese or Portuguese, on duty, and the greatest danger would be the risk of panic among them in the event of a serious blaze.

Fire Brigade's Dash.

The Fire Brigade received a call seven minutes after the smoke was first observed. With no idea of the extent of the blaze, and fearing it to be a serious one, Station Officer G. C. Moss, A.S.O. W. M. Smith, and A.S.O. B. C. J. Buckridge, turned out with three appliances.

No time was lost by the firemen in their rush from Headquarters to Duddell Street, but on their arrival, they found no traces of fire, the efforts of the Telephone Company's officials, having been successful.

Disputed Points.

4. The Chamber of Commerce in its letter indicated as the three points at issue the following:

(a) Diesel or Steam Power.

(b) Twin or Single Screw.

(c) The appropriate qualification of the navigating officer.

With regard to (a), I may simply deny that this is a point on which I join issue with the Chamber of Commerce; in fact, endorse every statement in the Chamber's letter in this respect, and am myself quite opposed to the fitting of Diesel or any other type of motor engines to a tug of this type.

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K.O.S.B. DESERTERS SENTENCED.

SMITH AND O'DONNELL FOUND GUILTY BY COURT.

DETENTION ORDERED.

Sentences in the cases of Privates Thomas Smith and Edward O'Donnell, of the 2nd Battalion K.O.S.B., who were tried by a District Court Martial last week for desertion and loss of equipment, was pronounced to-day.

Both men were found guilty of the charges.

O'Donnell was sentenced to 168 days' detention and Smith to 112 days.

O'Donnell had previously been sentenced in England for desertion.

It will be remembered that Smith pleaded guilty to desertion, and that O'Donnell proclaimed his innocence of the charge.

In his defence O'Donnell stated that Smith had invited him to a party on board the s.s. Bellingham, where he had got drunk and fallen asleep. The ship took them to Manila. He told the Court that he had no intention of deserting the regiment.

It was given in evidence that the two men, before going aboard the Bellingham, changed into civilian clothes, and that on being discovered at sea they were ordered to work their passage to Manila, which they did. They were eventually sent back to Hongkong on the Empress of France.

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MEN'S DOUBLES IN AMERICA.

THE FIRST ROUND OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

New York, Aug. 26.

Some excellent tennis was seen at Brooklyn, Mass., to-day, when the first round of the doubles in the men's championships was played.

The Wimbledon winners, J. Van Ryn and W. Allison, were taken to four sets by a comparatively unknown pair, while the best of the British players, H. W. Austin and J. S. Oliff secured a walk-over.

The results were:

W. Allison and J. Van Ryn (America) beat E. W. Johnson and Brooks Fenn (America), 6-3, 6-0, 4-6, 6-4.

Gregory Mangin (France) and Norman Farquharson (South Africa) beat H.H. Culley and G.H. Parkins (America), 6-1, 6-1, 8-10, 6-3.

G. Lott, Jnr., and John Doe (America) beat Bruce Barnes and Philip Neer (America), 6-2, 6-1, 6-1, 6-4.—*Reuter's American Service.*

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STABBED WITH NEEDLE.

RATTAN WORKER INJURED BY FELLOW EMPLOYEE.

A rattan worker, named Pun Hon (28), was admitted into the Government Civil Hospital yesterday suffering from grave injuries caused through being stabbed with a sharp instrument.

At the same time, Chang Lo-san, also a rattan worker, was taken into custody by the police on a charge of assaulting Pun and causing grievous bodily harm to him.

A bamboo needle of the kind used by rattan workers, in being retained by the police as an exhibit, it being alleged that the attack was carried out with this implement.

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PHIL SCOTT IN THE UNITED STATES.

TO MEET CAMPOLI IN FIRST CONTEST.

New York, Aug. 26.

The first contest for Phil Scott, the London policeman, who is European heavyweight champion, and who is now making his second tour of the United States, has been fixed for September 11th at Brooklyn.

His opponent will be the giant Argentinian Campoli, who knocked out Tom Heeney, the New Zealander challenger of Gene Tunney, fortnight ago.

Both Scott and Campoli will receive twenty-five per cent. of the "gate" receipts.—*Reuter's American Service.*

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FRESH SHOCKS AT THE HAGUE.

MR. SNOWDEN REJECTS LATEST OFFER.

OTHER POWERS APPARENTLY MOST DISPLEASED.

"PAINFUL SURPRISE."

The Hague, Aug. 26.

The British delegation has devoted all day to a careful study of the latest offer of the other Powers, France, Italy, Belgium and Japan, in reply to Mr. Snowden's demands for a fair discussion of the reparations annuities.

The offer has been examined in every detail, though it is stated to be extremely complicated, and it is expected that the reply of Mr. Snowden will be forthcoming this evening.

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Last Offer Turned Down.

Later.

Reuter's correspondent in Paris says that it is understood that Mr. Snowden to-night informed M. Jaspar, the Belgian Premier, that the offer of the four Powers is insufficient and unacceptable.

Mr. Snowden's decision at once creates a fresh deadlock as it has already been emphasised at the Hague that the offer represented the last word of the four Powers.

Rejection Confirmed.

Later.

It is confirmed that Mr. Snowden has rejected the latest proposals of France, Italy, Belgium and Japan, which involve complicated accountancy and offer Britain approximately an additional Mks. 28,000,000 per annum as compared with Mks. 48,000,000 annually for thirty-seven years, which Britain is asked to surrender under the Young Plan, and which Mr. Snowden has definitely refused to accept.

It is noted that whereas a previous plan submitted was alleged in French circles to be eighty per cent. of Britain's claims, it is not claimed that the latest proposal represents more than 75 per cent. while Britain's examination reveals that, to their mind, the new concession represents only 58 per cent.

France Painfully Surprised.

M. Loucheur, the leading French financial delegate, has issued a statement expressing painful surprise that Mr. Snowden has refused the offer.

M. Loucheur said that France would refuse to acquiesce in the demolition of the Young Plan. The other four creditor Powers were united in their attitude and would decline to make a fresh offer.

They would leave the initiative from now on to Mr. Snowden.—*Reuter's British Wireless.*

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Fruitless Conference.

The conference has been in session for three weeks to-day, and not the slightest headway has been made owing to Mr. Snowden's determination that the British taxpayer shall not be called upon to make further sacrifices.

The British delegation is insisting upon satisfactory decisions on three points:

One, as regards the percentages of distribution of the annuities.

Two, as regards the distribution of conditional and unconditional payments.

Three, as to Germany's deliveries in kind.

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No Compromise.

Mr. Phillip Snowden has emphasised repeatedly that until some arrangement satisfactory to Britain is reached, he cannot proceed with any further discussion of the Young Plan.

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NAVAL WEDDING.**MISS HAZELAND MARRIED TO
LIEUT. GIBSON.**

The wedding of Lieutenant Edward Russell Gibson, R.N., the eldest son of the late Hon. Edward Graves Mayne Gibson, and Miss Reta Hazelard, the elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Hazelard, of Hongkong, took place on July 20 at St. George's Church, Hanover-square, London. The Rev. Copley Moyle officiated, assisted by Prebendary Thicknesse. The bridegroom and his best man, Lieutenant Schupnik, were in uniform.

The bride, who was given away by her brother, wore a graceful frock of ivory satin, fashioned with a shaped bodice and a full skirt, cut to fall in two panels in the front revealing a satin underskirt, and decorated with a large satin bow. The long train was of satin, bordered with net. Her veil of old lace and ivory tulle depended from a chaplet of orange blossoms and she carried a spray of white lilies. The bridesmaids were Miss Ericen, Miss Marion, and Miss Molly Gibson, and Miss Patricia Bewlay. They wore chiffon dresses, printed in two shades of blue, and fashioned with scarf collars to the fitting bodices and large butterfly bows at the back of the full, dipping skirts. Wreaths of deep blue flowers completed their attire, and they carried sheaves of pale-pink gladioli. Naval officers formed a guard of honour.

The Guests.

The reception was held at the Langham Hotel. Among those present were:

Mrs. Hazelard, the Hon. Mrs. Edward Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. William Gibson, Mr. David Gibson, the Hon. Constance Gibson, Mrs. J. M. Collis and Miss Collis, Lady Bolton, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Collis, Mr. and Mrs. Schwartz, Colonel and Mrs. Hellwell and Miss Rosemary Hellwell, Mrs. J. A. Moreton, Miss Hirzel, Lieutenant Hampton, Mrs. Banisch and Miss Banisch, Mrs. Carethers and Miss Carethers, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gregg, Mr. H. G. Gregg, Mrs. Graham Cooper and Miss Cooper, Miss Murray, Mr. Roger Sing and Miss Agnes Sing, Lieutenant Trensham, Mrs. Mackie, Mrs. Brown and Miss Brown, Mrs. Ewin, Mr. E. de Silguy, Miss Lloyd, Major Dowley, Lieutenant and Mrs. Ronald Brown, Mrs. Shui and Miss Shaw, Colonel and Mrs. Alexander Gregg, Mr. J. Weddell, Mrs. Bird and Miss Bird, Mrs. Thicknesse, Colonel and Mrs. Hayley Bell, Mrs. Bewlay, Mrs. Henry Birkett, Commander and Mrs. Crosse, Mr. T. G. Pilley, Mrs. Rosser, Mrs. W. Peck, Mrs. Davidson and Miss Davidson, Mrs. Howard Hazel, Miss Norton, Captain and Mrs. Simel, Lieutenant and Mrs. Davis, Miss E. Gregg, Mrs. Owen Hughes and Miss Hughes, Sub-Lieutenant Moreton, Miss Derby, Mr. G. Travera, Mrs. Holyoke and Miss Holroyd, Mrs. Robson Conway, Mrs. M. L. Jacks, Mr. G. Stevens, Lieutenant Evans, Lieutenant and Mrs. Beard, Dr. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Nott, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. A. Sterns, Mrs. Blythe, Miss Hill, Mrs. Millett, and Mrs. Russell.

SPEEDING CHARGE.**FOURTY-THREE MILES ALONG
NATHAN ROAD.**

Charged with driving a motor car at a speed dangerous to the public in Nathan Road, Kowloon, on the evening of August 1, Mr. Wong Po-man was fined \$20 by Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

According to Sub-Inspector Mc-Walter, motor car No. 2177 travelled at a speed of 43 miles an hour along Nathan Road from the Peninsula Hotel to the Majestic Theatre, at 11 o'clock at night.

The charge was admitted by a representative of the defendant and his Worship imposed a fine of \$20.

"LOST" NOTE FOUND.**DEFENDANT ALLEGES MONEY
HAD BEEN PAID.**

Two Indians were parties to an action heard before the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Wood) in the Summary Court yesterday afternoon for the recovery of money under two promissory notes. Tata Singh, the plaintiff, a money-lender of the Canton Wharf, sued Kouda Bux, motor driver, claiming \$744, being as to \$200 and \$400 principal on two promissory notes and \$144 interest for a year. Both parties conducted their own cases.

In both cases the defendant affirmed that he had only borrowed half the amounts claimed but had signed for double as was customary. The first note, he said, was signed by himself and another man, the latter having since died. The note had been finally paid off on May 10, this year. Defendant continued that when he asked the plaintiff to return the note, he looked for it but said he could not find it. He had now produced it in court.

With regard to the \$100 note, defendant admitted liability for \$200 and claimed to have paid the interest to the end of May. The claim for interest, he stated, was not correct.

Plaintiff said that the full amount claimed was due and the defendant had not paid off the amounts mentioned.

His Lordship gave judgment for the plaintiff on the claim with costs.

ANOTHER ARMED RAID**DAYLIGHT AFFAIR IN THE
WESTERN DISTRICT.**

Five robbers armed with revolvers and daggers carried out a daring raid at a Chinese shop at No. 18, Eastern Street, 1st floor, the premises of Messrs. Shun Shing, yesterday afternoon about 2.30. They made off with a booty of \$800 as well as some jewellery the value of which is believed to be considerable.

Under the pretext of wishing to see the manager of the shop on business, one of the robbers entered shortly after two o'clock, and while he was engaging the attention of the manager, four accomplices made air entrance, blinding and gawping all the inmates, including the master, Mr. Lau Yu.

There were quite a number of children and women at the place, and one of the boys, frightened at the sight of the revolvers, cried aloud. The robbers became angry and threatened to strike the youth. It was only at the earnest request of his mother that the boy escaped ill-treatment.

The robbers opened drawers and looted the whole place before making off. The outrage was later reported to the Police.

The goods stolen included \$600 in Hongkong notes and \$300 in Canton money, and some jewellery. According to a statement made by the master of the shop, while the robbers were engaged in searching the house he secretly put aside his wallet under a chair. The wallet contained bank notes to the value of over \$1,000.

FOKI ARRESTED.**ALLEGED MURDER ON
MIRS BAY JUNK.**

A case of murder is alleged to have occurred on a junk fishing at Mirs Bay on August 7th, when in the course of an altercation between two fokis, one of them, it is alleged, struck the other and threw him overboard.

Chow Kun-sing, (38), a native of Taiping Village, situated on Ping Chau Island in Mirs Bay, has now been arrested by the police.

The police state that he disappeared from the fishing junk immediately after the murder, and was not seen again until his arrest, which was effected during the week-end at Taipo, on information received.

"RED THURSDAY."**CHINESE WITH SEDITIONARY
LITERATURE.**

The two men arrested on "Red Thursday" in possession of Communist papers, appeared on remand, before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, when the police handed in four charges, two of which were founded on the Emergency Regulations of 1922.

It was revealed that the police on that day had received information that a riot was projected in the vicinity of the big Chinese stores in Des-Voeux Road Central. Prompt measures were taken to avert the threat, and at the time appointed, police officers were posted in strong numbers in the locality.

Thus it came about that when a man was seen to appear suddenly on the roadway, throwing into the air an armful of papers, he was seized by a Chinese detective, and sought to win the sympathy of the crowd by crying out that he was starving. It was found necessary to pull him within the door of an adjoining building and isolate him there until police reinforcements arrived.

He was now produced before the Court as Cheung Fuk-sang, and pleaded that he was arrested by mistake. He explained that he came from Kwang Chow Wan and was on his way to Siam.

The other defendant, Chan Sing, was stated to have been distributing similar pamphlets from a West-bound tram, and was arrested by two Chinese constables who were also on board. He too, pleaded that his arrest was a mistake, and insisted that he was a law-abiding man, working for the Government.

A P.W.D. coolie.

His Worship: What Government?

Accused: I worked as a coolie at the P.W.D.

His Worship told him that being a Government servant did not confer immunity on him from conviction on a serious charge of this nature.

Addressing both defendants, the Magistrate said he found them guilty on four charges.

On the charge of possession of sedition pamphlets in the Colony, they were each sentenced to eighteen months' hard labour.

On the charge of possession of printed matter uncensored by the S.C.A., they were each sentenced to three months.

On the charge of distributing sedition literature, a sentence of eighteen months' was inflicted.

And, finally, on the charge of distributing seditious matter calculated to excite tumult or disorder, in China, a sentence of eighteen months' hard labour was also inflicted.

His Worship added that, with regard to the last charge which was based on Section 2, of Ordinance 16, of 1907, the defendants would assuredly have been shot had they been dealt with by the Canton authorities.

The sentences were ordered to be served concurrently.

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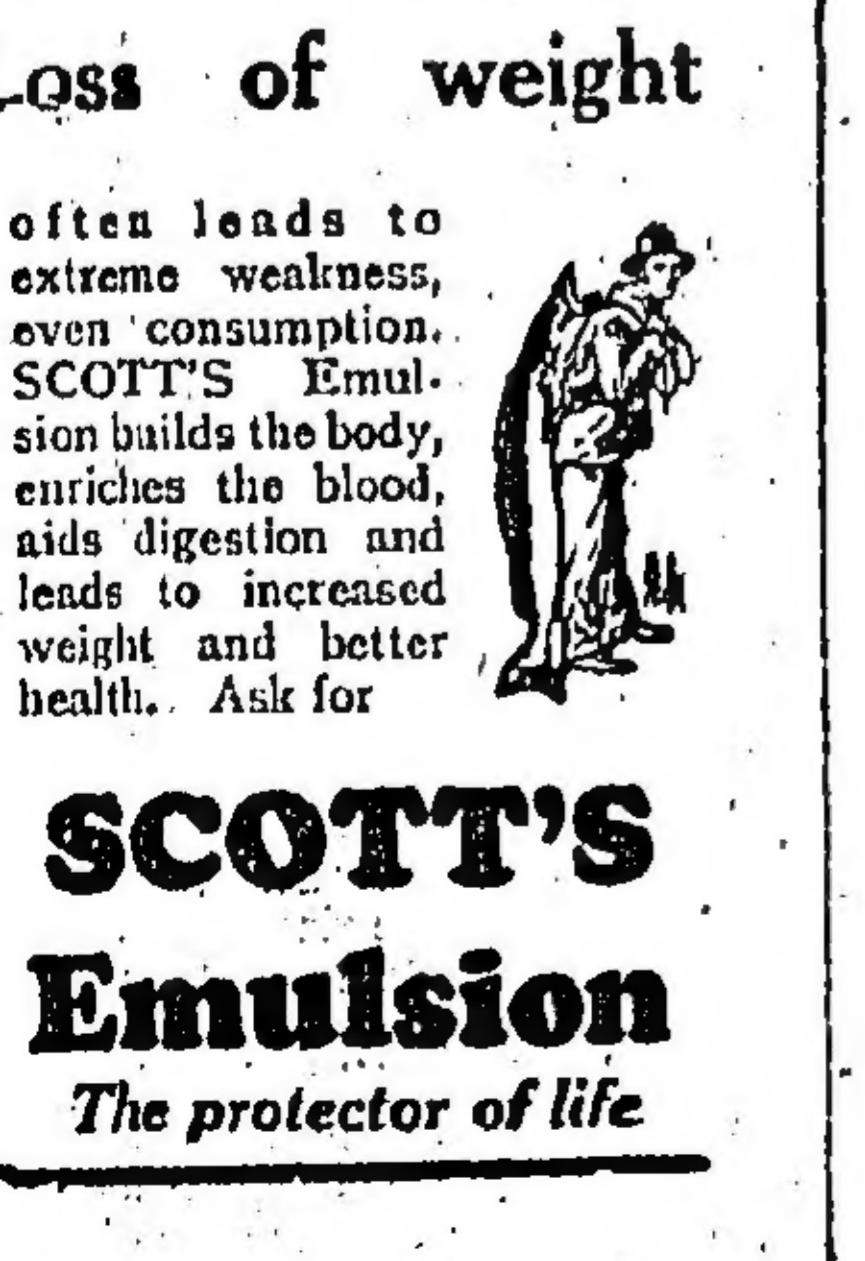
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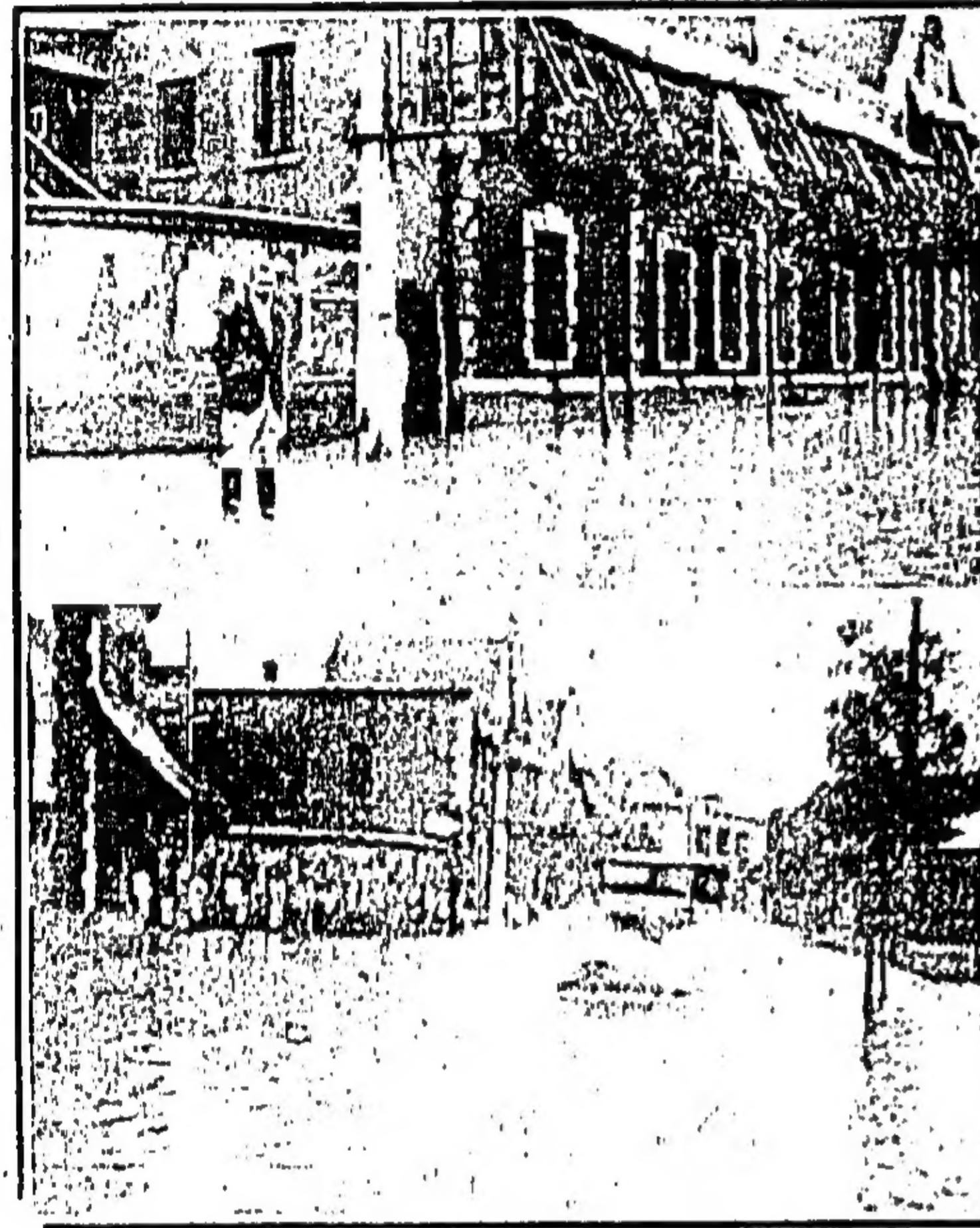




This insouciant gentleman from Nanking "the laughing bogger" was the winner of the third prize in the first Photographic Exhibition by members of the City Bank Club in China and Japan. The photograph is the work of Mr. E. Davies.



Mr. Gordon Lum, the Chinese Davis Cup player, who accepted the invitation of the Shanghai Lawn Tennis Association to represent Shanghai in the forthcoming Interport matches with Tientsin, is seen with some of his trophies. Lum is the first Chinese player to represent Shanghai in an Interport tennis competition.



The top photograph, taken during the recent floods on Race Course Road, British Concession, Tientsin, shows the water a foot deep in the middle of the road. The building in the background is D'Arcy's Hotel, whose ground floor was flooded. The second picture gives a graphic idea of the depth of the water in the main streets.



Pupils of Madame Kelvey's School of Dancing, Singapore, in a sylvan setting, in one of their most effective ballets. Miss Barbara Peterson and Captain Cockle are seen in the centre of the group.

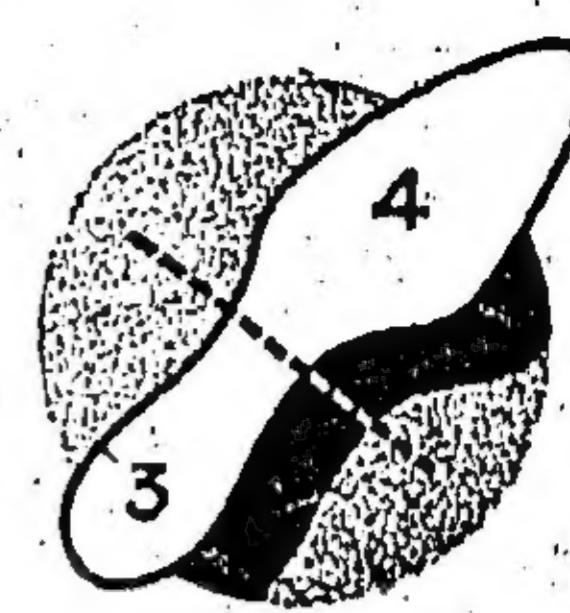


These delayed pictures of the explosion disaster at Yunnanfu were taken by Major H. Wright, and show bottom, a portion of the area affected by the explosion. Relief work is being pushed by a Society of Chinese and foreign residents and funds are badly needed. The top picture, taken by the Yunnanfu Red Cross Society, shows one of two craters, each 60 feet in diameter and 25 feet deep, caused by the explosion. There is not the slightest trace left of the Kiangnan Guild or of the other houses in what was a congested area.



In the burning car shown above, Ray Keech, the winner of the 1929 Indianapolis Speedway race, met his death at Altoona, Pennsylvania, recently, when several racing autos crashed during a 200-mile race. Keech, apparent winner of the race, was attempting to avert striking another car when one of his tyres struck a depression in the board track, bounced off the top railing, bounced down into the infield and burst into flames. The inset shows Keech as he passed the grandstand for the last time in a terrific burst of speed, and below is the gaping hole torn in the track.

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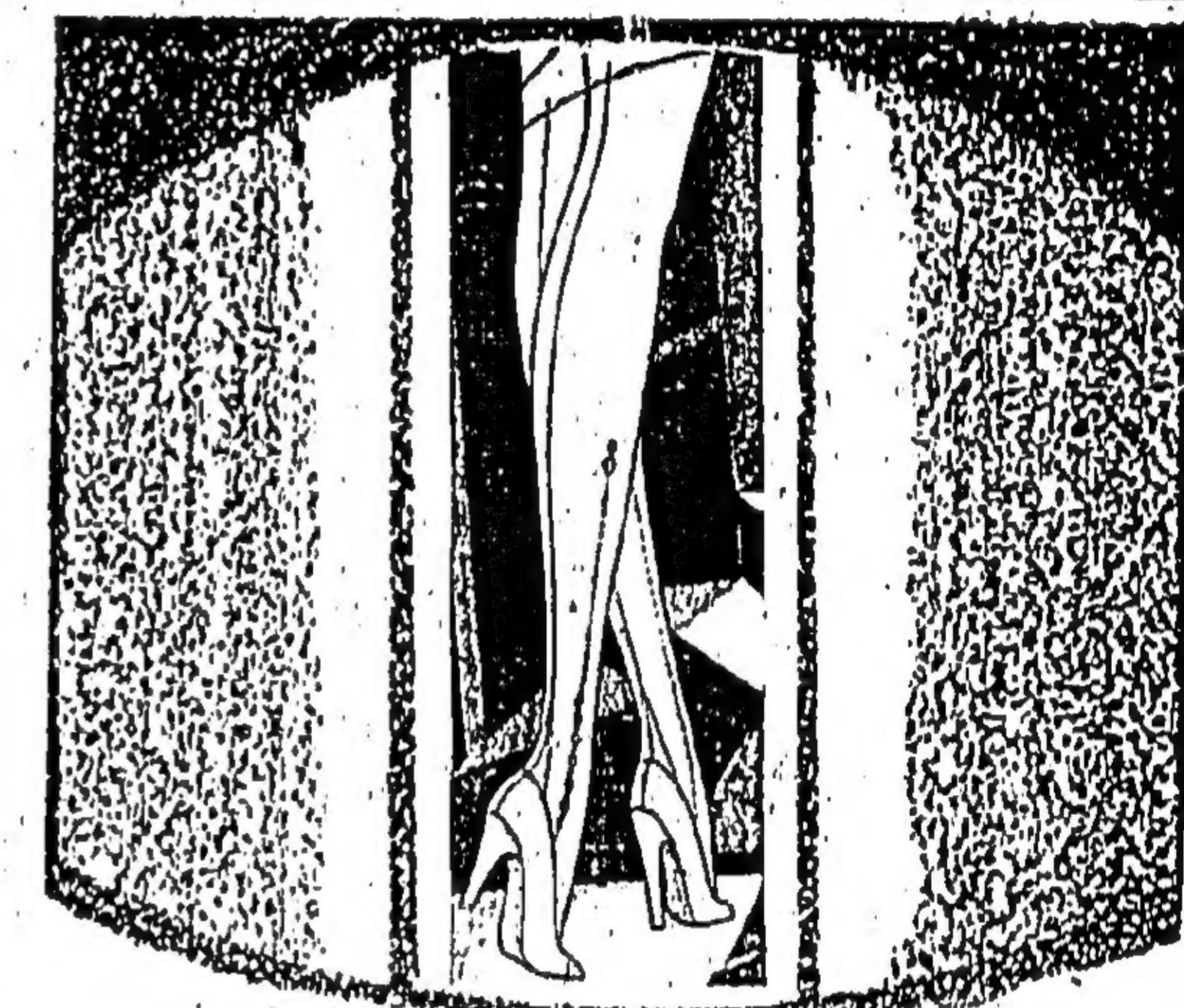
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Consignees of cargo by the above Steamer are informed that same arrived by s.s. "Eurlocus" and all goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous land/or extra-hazardous Godowns of Holt's Wharf, whence delivery may be obtained.

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London, July 13.—A young Aberdeen couple spending their honeymoon in Glasgow, were just sitting down to their first meal together as husband and wife when policemen entered and demanded to know who they were and what they meant by being there.

Finding themselves regarded as suspects, they endeavoured to explain.

Glasgow friends who had attended the wedding decided to remain in Aberdeen for a few more days, and offered their Glasgow home to the young couple for the honeymoon.

The newly married couple arrived in Glasgow and took possession. Neighbours, seeing lights and hearing a noise in the house, although the usual tenants were away, became alarmed and told the police.

The police, who arrived and questioned the young couple, were not easily convinced, and it was only after they had communicated with the Aberdeen police, and verified the story that the bride and bridegroom were left in peace, with the good wishes of the constables ringing in their ears.

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Bridge Sweaters.

AND MANY NEW FASHIONS.

There are some new "Bridge sweaters" which are having a lively welcome from fair Parisianesses, each decorated with an acre knitted large on the front.

Then there are some fascinating hand-knit daytime sweaters of wool yarn knit on large needles to give an extraordinarily diaphanous effect in the sports genre. And there are some organdie scarves, which stand up rakishly about the throat, giving the lingerie touch without the nuisance of ripping out collars every day.

For the slender woman, we now see the waistline placed above the hip-bones, even at the natural position. This is certainly a welcome change after so many seasons of the waistline placed at the hips and much lower down. A narrow belt girding a slender waist gives us a delightful change.

For the matron on the other hand, the waistline is placed just below the hip-bones, sometimes even lower.

Day skirts are four or five fingers-breadth above the knee. Evening skirts remain at the same height in front, but are elongated by points, panels, or drooping flounces, that fall from a slightly sloping waistline.

Some delightful ideas which will soon make their bow to the public may be of interest to our readers. On some of the skirts which barely cover the knee, the waistline, placed at the normal, is seen together with a long, unbroken line, flowing from the shoulder to the hem of the skirt, where, so clever is the draping, the light stockings seem to carry it on unbroken.

This use of skirts hanging close to the figure at the side, back and front, or three-quarters of the way round, is one of the main points of the new models.

Lace collars and cuffs crocheted of horse-hair are another new fashion item. They offer a practical solution for a grave laundry problem.

Hip-yokes of narrow curved strips stitched together make for the matron-gowns that are more slender.

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Tall Men.

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Short men may make ideal husbands, but tall men make ideal lovers.

A girl finds something peculiarly exhilarating in being escorted by a tall man, an added zest to her enjoyment when she can look up to her companion physically as well as metaphorically, and mark the envious gaze of those who can not. She may end by marrying something under 5 feet 5, but she grows up with an ideal in her heart well over 6 feet.

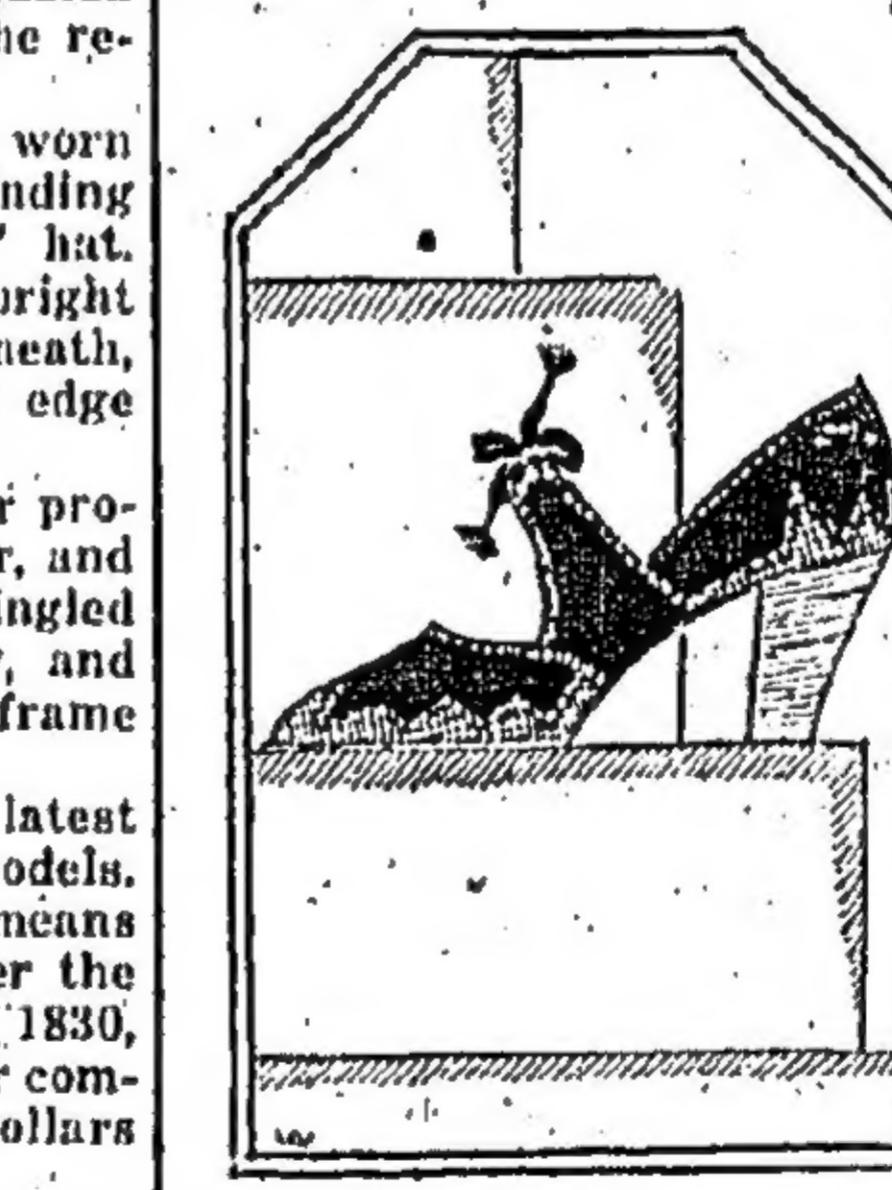
In a crowded ballroom there is a feeling of insecurity in being piloted by a small partner, and a girl is seized by an irresistible desire to steer. She knows he cannot cover over her shoulder, and since collision mats have not yet been introduced for personal use, her nerve—if nothing else—is liable to be shattered by the time the band stops.

In novels the unmarried hero is, at the very least, of medium height; and the author generally plays for safety and sympathy by indicating a lean frame which makes the fellow look taller than he really is.

There have been short men who "had a way with them," Napoleon for example, but they were men who made history, who possessed a glamour of glory, and who fascinated women in spite of their small stature, not because of it. If they hadn't worn haloes it is open to question whether they would have devastated the hearts of the ladies as they did. Moreover, it was women not girls they attracted chiefly, and as a girl grows older her ideals alter, and she becomes more capable of seeing beneath the surface.

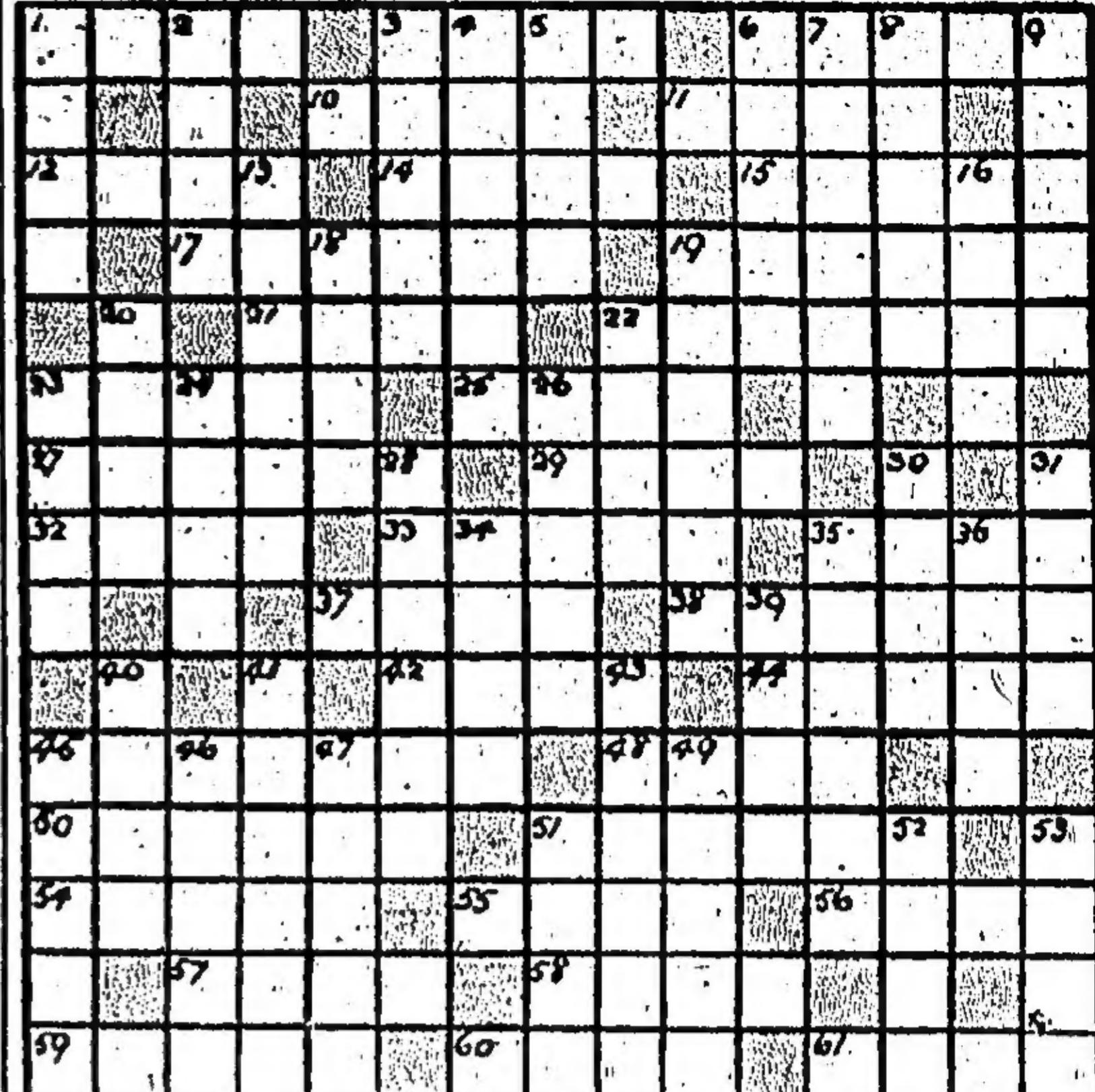
A tall man may be ugly, rude, awkward; almost anything, a girl will still find him attractive. The small man, if he is not famous must be handsome even then he is heavily handicapped. The hero wrought by a man tall, handsome, and famous is incalculable and a matter of history. Antony, Henry VIII., Charles II., all conformed outwardly to a girl's ideal; and though Henry's bulk militated somewhat against his height, no one can deny that the damage was colossal.

A tall man may be almost a hermit at heart, but whether he likes it or not, women of all ages will "fall for him." He need never be a bachelor, neither need he ever remain a widower.



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In writing as we have, any intention of upholding the *mai tsai* system, or of defending the easy-going manner in which the Hongkong Government has dealt with it, is farthest from our mind. We have all along held that the system, however much it may conform to Chinese custom, smacks far too much of actual slavery to be acceptable to British ideals. But we do resent the implication that Hongkong, in seeking to secure some amelioration of the system, lags behind China. That is not true; and we can only confess to some measure of surprise that Mrs. Haslewood, who herself says in regard to the continued existence of the system in Hongkong that "no evil can be abolished by merely declaring that it is illegal," does not see that the same argument applies to Chinese decrees on the subject. If she is still under the impression that China is strictly enforcing the law against the system, she may be interested to learn that in a recent case of child-selling which came before the Hongkong Courts, the document of sale was actually stamped at a Police Station in Canton!

Like so many other good-intentioned people, Mrs. C. B. L. Haslewood, who, since her return to England, has thrown herself heart and soul into the movement for the abolition of the *mai tsai* system in Hongkong, makes the mistake of over-stating the facts. After reading the full text of the address which she recently delivered on the subject to a conference of the British Commonwealth League in London, part of which we reprinted in our issue of yesterday, we have reached the conclusion that her hearers must have gone away from that meeting with an entirely false idea of the actual situation in this matter as between Hongkong and China. There is only one inference to be drawn from Mrs. Haslewood's address—namely, that China has completely abolished the system, but that Hongkong still obstinately declines to do so. That, of course, is a complete distortion of the actualities. Not that we suggest that Mrs. Haslewood has willingly lent herself to the deception; she obviously does not know the facts.

There are two statements in Mrs. Haslewood's address which create the wrong impression to which we have alluded. In the first of these, she quotes Colonel John Ward as recalling a lunch at Government House in 1917 when a reception was given to the then Governor of Canton, and at which a discussion took place on the traffic in human beings. Colonel Ward's account of this gathering is quoted, ending with the statement that the Canton official silenced the whole discussion by making the following observation:—"It is true that under the old Manchu dynasty slavery was a legal institution in China, but the moment that dynasty was swept away, and a Republic established, its first declaration, and its first most stringent law was the abolition of slavery, and the buying and selling of human beings even for adoption, or any other purpose, or in any other guise. Now one of the strangest things is that the only place where this can be done is Hongkong, the possession of England." In retelling this story, Mrs. Haslewood makes no comment on it, and was obviously reciting the Canton Governor's assertion as though it represented the actual truth. Later in her address, she speaks of Canton

as having "recently drawn up a comprehensive scheme for the freedom of the *mai tsai*" in which the most stringent regulations have been incorporated and severe penalties imposed for any evasion of the law. Registration, she points out, is the first step recognised by Canton in the abolition of the system. Here, again, it is implied that the Chinese authorities are more sincere and thorough-going than the authorities in Hongkong in suppressing the system. Incidentally, it is rather strange, if the system was abolished by China when the Republic was established, that Canton should only "recently" take the preliminary steps of legislation on the subject:

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DAY BY DAY.

THE THREE MOST DIFFICULT THINGS TO DO ARE TO KEEP A SECRET, SUFFER AN INJURY, AND EMPLOY ONE'S LEISURE.—Voltaire.

Normal cable working with Shanghai, and beyond has been re-established.

At the Marine Court, before the Hon. Commdr. G. F. Hole, R.N., this morning, the master of a sampan was fined \$10 for not having a regulation light on his boat whilst under way.

Torcat's Roosters, which are to give performances at the Queen's Theatre, arrived this morning and attracted much attention as they were left on the Kowloon Star Ferry Wharf, pending transportation to Hongkong.

Aleko E. Lilius was again before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on charges of fraud. His Worship demanded the defendant until next Tuesday afternoon, when the hearing will be commenced.

An earthenware pot, which fell from the second floor of No. 49, Wan Chai Road, struck a Chinese boy, named Mok Mun (16), who was living in the ground floor, yesterday, causing injuries from which he died after removal to hospital.

Believed to have taken a big dose of opium with the intention of committing suicide, Yul Yik-fun, (25), unemployed, was yesterday taken in an unconscious state to the Government Civil Hospital from the Tung Ting Restaurant at West Point.

Pleading guilty to a charge of larceny of an alarm-clock from a hawker's stall outside the Yaumati market, a Chinese, with a previous conviction, was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

CRUSHED BETWEEN VESSELS.

A BOATWOMAN SENT TO HOSPITAL.

Wong Luk, a boatwoman, was sent to hospital yesterday, suffering from internal injuries received through being caught between two junks in an accident which occurred at the Praya East.

According to a statement received by the police, it appears that cargo junk No. 679V was lying alongside the seawall, unloading cargo, at a point opposite the Kwong Sang Hong Factory.

A steam launch, the Lai Fong, owned by the Kwong Sang Hong, drawing in alongside, collided with the junk, which in its turn bumped into another junk. The woman, Wong Luk, who is a member of the crew of the first junk, was at that moment holding a fender between the two junks. The collision knocked her off her feet, and she dropped in between the two boats.

When rescued, the woman was found to have been crushed, receiving internal injuries which necessitated her removal to the Government Civil Hospital.

POSSESSION OF A BANGLE.

COOLIE FINED AT THE KOWLOON COURT.

A charge of being in possession of a gold-mounted bangle, reasonably suspected of having been stolen or unlawfully obtained, was brought against a coolie before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

In answer to the charge, the defendant said he found the bangle on one of the Kowloon Godown wharves.

According to Detective Sergeant Kellet, the defendant was searched when coming off the s.s. Kum Sang on Sunday and the bangle was found in his possession. The ship had just arrived from Singapore and a large number of passengers were disembarking. The defendant could not give a satisfactory explanation of how he came by the bangle and was detained. He said that he had gone on board to find work as a coolie.

His Worship remarked that the defendant did not seem to have given any satisfactory explanation. If he had found the bangle, he should have handed it to the police.

It was pointed out to the defendant that if he had been caught stealing the bangle from the wrist of a child he would have got at least six months' imprisonment, as well as a birching.

His Worship accepted the plea as an admission of unlawful possession and imposed a fine of \$5 or seven days' hard labour in default.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Hongkong Evils.

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir.—Coincident with my letter to one of your morning contemporaries on Saturday, the 24th instant, (a copy of which I inadvertently omitted to forward to your paper) came the report of a conference in London on the subject of "Child Slavery in Hongkong," which appeared in your today's issue. My letter to your contemporary was on the "White Slave Traffic," which, broadly viewed, embraced the subject of "Child Slavery," or as is better known in this Colony, the "*mai tsai*" problem.

It is indeed refreshing to read that the matter of the *mai tsai* Problem has not been forgotten and left to stalemate. Mrs. Haslewood is to be commended for her untiring effort in liberating the child slaves of the Colony, and she can rest assured that she has at least one supporter in Hongkong who holds the same view as herself. I sincerely trust that Mrs. Haslewood's effort on behalf of the *mai tsai* will prove successful.

Registration is undoubtedly difficult, for the simple reason that most of the *mai tsai* in this Colony are claimed as "adopted daughters," and as such they are under no obligation to register with the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs. Or, again, unless the Government institute a house-to-house search, it is not possible to know which house has, or which house has no *mai tsai*. The only path left seems to be for the Government to enact laws strictly forbidding people to buy or sell any children, and any adoption of children must be with the knowledge and consent of the Government, the failure of which would mean severe punishment to the offenders.

Mrs. Haslewood would be doing a greater service to the people if she would exert her effort to free some of those unfortunate girls in the brothels who are forced to lead a life of shame and hardship. Unless the Government can show that prostitution is a necessary evil, there is absolutely no reason why the brothels should not be closed. True, there are some of these girls who have no desire to lead a better life, but the majority of them hold a different view. A rough estimate places the number of prostitutes in Hongkong and Kowloon at over 500, and this number does not include those in the sly brothels, or those in Wanchai.

If the local Press would give some support to the abolition of child slavery and prostitution, I have no doubt that the Government would give this matter its serious attention. In the meantime one can only hope for the best.

Thanking you for the courtesy of some space in your esteemed paper, and trusting that some more spirited citizens would come forward to give some tangible support in a movement for a good cause.—Yours etc.

AN OLD RESIDENT.
Hongkong, Aug. 26th, 1929.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Aug. 26.
Paris	123.865
New York	4.8425/62
Brussels	34.805
Geneva	25.185
Amsterdam	12.005
Milan	92.06
Berlin	20.36
Stockholm	18.10
Copenhagen	18.215
Oslo	18.295
Vienna	34.42
Prague	163%
Helsingfors	102%
Madrid	32.98
Lisbon	108.20
Athens	375
Rio	5%
Buenos Aires	47%
Bombay	1/5.72/32
Shanghai	2/4/4
Yokohama	1/11.3/32
Silver (spot)	24.5/16
Silver (forward)	24.7/16

—British Wireless.

WATER LEVELS.

FOR WEST, NORTH AND EAST RIVERS.

The following table, compiled by the Board of Conservancy Works of Kwangtung, shows the water levels in English feet on the West, North and East Rivers on the dates named:

Aug. 25 Aug. 26
Shihing 25.1
Taipingyuan 8.8 11.5
Shamshui 16.2 16.8
Shekung 6.2 4.5
The level at Shihing on the 24th inst. was 25.9

The Very Idea!

We have all heard the plaint that many young married couples are more anxious to possess a baby car than a baby of the merely human kind, says a writer in a Home paper. Now the medical officer of health for Hampstead tells us that house-room is being curtailed by the demand for garages, even living-rooms being converted to this use, while portions of front gardens are sacrificed to make approaches.

Where the space is needed to shelter members of the human race this is lamentable enough; but it is true that nowadays the house which has no garage and no room to build one has a much worse chance in the market than the house with a garage complete, even though it be a small one.

The difficulty is one which is likely to increase rather than diminish until the day when the private aeroplane replaces the private car. Then, perhaps, we shall be able to fold up the wings of our baby plane and stow it away comfortably in a dog kennel.

A young man went to a fortuneteller. "I see," said the woman, "that you will be very, very poor until you reach 30 years of age."

"Yes," said the young man, eagerly, "and what after that?"

"Oh, after that you'll begin to get used to it."

[It is proposed that the holes on golf courses should be bigger.]

I don't possess much golfing skill.

I've heard no man my strokes exalt.

My Victories are almost nil—

And yet, I view with not a thrill This move towards a bigger hole.

I reach all else except the pin.

In quondam I knit my brow.

Swear, scratch my head, or stroke my chin.

And I don't relish getting into bigger holes than I do now!

A Watlington, Oxford, reader sends to a Home paper the following examples of schoolgirl howlers:

"When you breathe you inspire, when you do not breathe you expire."

"In the reign of King George III. people were beginning to think more about farming. A plain farmer named Bakewell taught the people how to improve the breeds of sheep by which a great many more legs of mutton might be off one sheep than had been before, and as there were more people to eat it, and the population became a great deal larger."

In the course of a judicial inquiry into the responsibility for a collision between two motor-cars, a witness was asked if he had really seen the accident. "Yes," he replied, "I saw the affair from start to finish."

"That being so," said the counsel, "can you tell the Court just what you think was the cause of the accident?"

"Well," replied the witness, "I can't go so far as that, but it appeared to me that both cars were chasing the same pedestrian."

[Most women fail in business because they know nothing about it, says a woman writer.]

"Tis said that Eve in business fails,
As she knows naught what'er about it."

"Tis one of those unfounded tales;
And chivalry prompts me to doubt it."

Most women do know quite a lot
Of business—some are in excelsis.

Yet I admit, more oft than not,
The business known is some one else's.

"Speaking of farming," said the visitor from the West, "we have some farms that are quite sizable. I've seen a man on one of our big farms start out in the spring, and plough a straight furrow till fall. Then he harvested back."

"Wonderful!" said the

MANILA POSTAL SCANDALS.

ENORMOUS GRAFT EXPOSED.

LOSSES ALREADY TOTAL HALF MILLION PESOS.

DAMAGED STAMPS.

Manila, Aug. 24. Damaged postage stamp worth approximately Pesos 70,000 of the 1927 stock of the Bureau of Posts, said to be the largest damaged stock ever recorded in the Bureau for any single year, were discovered yesterday by the committee investigating scandals at the Bureau of Posts.

This new discovery, said to indicate wholesale substitution of good stock with used and damaged stamps, may lead to the prosecution of two former employees of the Bureau, who were directly in charge of the stock in 1927, it was learned yesterday.

Wholesale Substitution.

The committee is said to be in possession of important evidence showing that wholesale substitution of new stamps with old ones which had been recalled into circulation after they had been used took place in 1927. The committee, however, withheld the names of the two former employees implicated in the alleged substitution.

The Bureau of Posts, investigating board recommended yesterday to Filemon Perez, Secretary for Commerce and Communications, the filing of criminal charges against one more inspector of the Manila Post Office and inside of a few days will recommend the suspension of two other employees for their alleged participation in the illegal importation of opium.

The investigators completed yesterday a large pile of evidence implicating the postal inspector in question in the trafficking of opium, and at the same time were reliably reported to have come across sufficient additional facts to warrant the suspension of the two other employees.

Extensive Graft.

As the investigation progresses and as the investigators are getting more deeply into the postal scandal, there is a growing conviction among Department of Commerce officials that there never before has been unearthed a more enormous and extensive graft against the Government as was discovered in the present probe of the Bureau of Posts.

There is not a single department or section of the Bureau looked over by the two committee which did not reveal one form of irregularity or another with the possible exception of the postal savings bank which, it was indicated, will probably be the only division which will be spared from the probe. Members of the investigating board are satisfied that there is nothing wrong with the postal savings bank after having looked it over cursorily.

Half Million Loss Already.

Bureau of Posts officials yesterday roughly estimated the total losses suffered by the insular government through leakage of property and graft committed by postal employees at more than Pesos 500,000. This amount represents only what the committee of investigators have so far been able to determine with some degree of certainty.

The insular auditor has estimated leakage in property at approximately Pesos 300,000 while the committee has bared the loss of Pesos 217,000 stamps for which Florencio Reyes, chief of the stamps' section, is being held responsible. Opium passing through the Manila Post Office since 1924 was placed at more than Pesos 100,000. No figures were given regarding uncollected dues from smuggled jewels. Neither was any estimate made as to the illegal extraction or sale of commemorative stamps, which also is believed to amount to considerable sums.

Eight Inspectors Suspended.

The inspector recommended yesterday for prosecution is among the eight suspended two weeks ago by Secretary Perez in connection with the present investigations and was among the first strongly placed under suspicion by the investigating board. He will be the third recommended for criminal prosecution this week by the investigators.

Strong possibility of several other postal employees holding positions of trust and responsibility in the Bureau and still others employed in less significant capacities, for suspension was admitted yesterday by both members of the committee and postal authorities.

LADY MOTORISTS SUMMONED.

ONE REPROVED FOR FAILING TO ATTEND COURT.

FINES IN ALL CASES.

Miss Pearl Woo, against whom the Magistrate had contemplated issuing a warrant for arrest, in consequence of repeated failures to attend Court in connexion with a traffic summons, was mulcted in a heavy fine when, at last, she responded to the summons before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Police Court this morning.

The charge against Miss Woo was that of not having proper control of her car, in the fact that two other persons were sitting with her in the front seat. The time of the offence was 2 p.m. on August 6.

The Magistrate (to Sergeant George):—Do you mean this young lady was driving with two other persons in the front seat?

Sergeant George replied that such was the case, and he indicated two girls who had come up to the Court with Miss Woo as the others concerned.

The Magistrate (to defendant):—Why did you not come up at the proper date?

Miss Woo:—I forgot all about it.

His Worship:—Very good. If you think you can come up to this Court only when it suits your convenience, I can assure you that you cannot. You will be fined \$25.

Other Cases.

Mrs. H. Young of No. 5, Tung Tel Terrace, was summoned for leaving her car, No. 268, unattended at the junction of Gilman Street and Des Voeux Road Central, at 3:30 p.m. on the 17th instant.

She replied that she was shopping in that locality and was detained.

A traffic sergeant said the car was left unattended for 20 minutes.

Mr. Hamilton (to Mrs. Young):—You have not put your car at a proper parking stand. The car will be allowed to stop only for as it is necessary to put down or take up passengers. Fined \$5.

Mrs. E. Rodgers living at No. 532, The Peak, pleaded that she did not know that she was not allowed to leave her car at a spot in front of the Wing On Company.

In fining her \$5, his Worship said it was up to Mrs. Rodgers to find out where to park her car.

ATHLETIC MEETING.

BIG CONTINGENT EXPECTED FROM OTHER PLACES.

Regarding the athletic meeting organized by the Chinese Athletic Association we are informed that the number of athletes who will take part in this meeting will be about 300. Singapore is sending its best Chinese tennis players and swimmers, and a larger number of athletes will also be sent here from different parts of China.

It is expected that some fine sport will be witnessed. Stands having accommodation for 15,000 persons are at present being erected on the ground, and seats can now be booked at the Chinese Athletic Association at \$5 for special reserved seats for three days, and \$1 per day for ordinary seats. Tickets of admission—10 cents, 30 cents, and 50 cents can be obtained at the entrance on the days of the sports.

The few open events are as follows: Track and Field, 1,000 metre relay and 800 metre relay.

Swimming, 100 metre free style and 200 metre relay.

Fees will be charged at the rate of 20 cents for each event and \$1 for each relay. Entry forms can be obtained applying to the Secretary of the Chinese Athletic Association from to-day, and all entries must be sent in to the Chinese Athletic Association before the 1st September.

£3,000 CHIPPENDALE SUIT.

BIG BID FOR CHAIRS AND SETTEES.

Just under £3,000 was given recently for a set of 12 Chippendale chairs and two settees, sent to Christie's for sale from Yorkshire.

With pierced vase-shaped backs, carved with foliage and shells, and with the familiar cabriole legs, it was the type of suite which, before the war, would have realized £5,000. The bidding started at this sum, the hammer finally falling to an offer of £2,800 guineas.

Three side tables, presented by Lord Nelson to Lady Hamilton, realised 800 guineas, and a pair of marqueterie commodes, formerly the property of the Duke of Devonshire at Lismore Castle, sold for 1,000 guineas.

Four lots of tapestry realised over £8,000.

A set of four English panels, attributed to the 17th century craftsman, John Vanderbank, were knocked down for 3,700 guineas, while four Brussels' 18th century panels, by J. D. Vos, made 2,000 guineas.

GRAF ZEPPELIN'S FLIGHT.

ILLNESS OF DR. ECKENER • MARS TRIUMPH.

RESUMING JOURNEY.

Los Angeles, Aug. 26. The magnificent flight of the Graf Zeppelin across the Atlantic was marred by the illness of her commander, Dr. Eckener, as the result of the strain of the voyage.

As soon as the dirigible was moored, he was hurried to a hotel in a state of exhaustion in order that he might get a proper rest before the resumption of the flight to Lukehurst Field, completing the journey round the world.

The trip across the American continent will probably start with the next few hours. The airship's engineers report that the vessel is in perfect condition.

San Francisco, Aug. 26.

Glistening like silver, the Graf Zeppelin sailed over the heart of the city, attended by a swarm of fifty aeroplanes. Thousands of people crowded every vantage point, whistles shrilled and bells tolled.

Lands at Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, Aug. 26.

The Graf Zeppelin landed here at 5:11 this morning. The airship tied up to her mooring mast at 5:10.—*Reuters' American Service.*

FORMER INSPECTOR'S SON DROWNED.

HONGKONG BOY LOSES LIFE IN CANADA.

The many friends of Mr. James Watt, who retired from the Hongkong Police Force and went Home some years ago, will sympathise deeply with him in the loss of his eldest son, Robert John, which occurred in Canada on July 18.

News of the death was received by friends in the Colony yesterday, and it tells of a tragedy which has cut short a promising young life. Only 21 years of age, and inheriting many of those traits which endeared his father to his many friends, the young man has met his death by drowning.

The young fellow left with his father, on the latter's retirement some years ago. For a time he worked with his father on a farm, and then, like many others of his age, he decided to leave the old country and try Canada for a change, and in 1926 he accordingly left Home. Work was plentiful when he arrived in Canada and it was not long before he found a job on a farm.

Plaintiff's Evidence.

As a farm-hand he worked for twelve months at Alberta, and accumulated enough money from his savings to enable him to give effect to a long-cherished ambition—that of entering College and studying for the Church. Unfortunately, however, he met his death last month in a drowning tragedy in a river at Albert. Only the other day, a cousin of his received a request from him for articles from China upon which he had wished to lecture at College.

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SHIP'S CAPACITY DISPUTE.

CLAIM FOR DEPOSIT AGAINST CHARTER PARTY.

ACTION SUCCEEDS.

The recovery of two sums of \$600 paid preparatory to the hiring of the San On Company's s.s. Tin Sze for transporting sand, were claimed in the Summary Court this morning before the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Wood). It was alleged by the Wan Tung Company, No. 167, Des Voeux Road Central, that they paid \$1,000 as a deposit against a charter party in respect of the Tin Sze which, prior to the deposit, was falsely represented to be of 700 tons nett burden and which was, in fact, of 400 tons nett burden. Because of that fact, the charter party was not entered into and the deposit was therefore claimed.

Mr. F. C. E. Rendall was for the plaintiff and Mr. A. J. Arculli defended.

In outlining the case, Mr. Rendall said the plaintiff discovered that the ship was not 700 tons nett after April 19, this year. The only reason the firm wished to charter the ship was to save transport costs in their business of bringing sand to the Colony for making glass, and to be able to bring 700 tons at a time, necessitating only two trips a month, instead of employing a hundred junks.

Contract Repudiated.

After the deposit was made, however, the plaintiff discovered that it was 400 tons nett and consequently the firm repudiated the verbal contract for the hiring of it.

Mr. Rendall read a letter written to the plaintiff by Mr. Leo D'Almada formerly acting for the defendant. The letter referred to the agreement for hiring the boat for three months at \$1,400 per month, Hongkong currency, and reminded the plaintiff firm that a deposit of \$1,000 had been made and a promise given to execute a lease at Mr. Ray's office on May 5.

The letter pointed out that the boat had been anchored off Shamshui Po ready for delivery but although repeatedly called upon to execute a lease they had neglected to do so.

In reply to that, a letter was written on June 24, stating that the plaintiff firm was not prepared to execute the lease as they had been told by Mr. Ray that the tonnage of the vessel was 400 tons nett and not 700. A request was included for the immediate return of the \$1,000 deposit as no consideration had failed.

Mr. D'Almada replied in a letter admitting that the plaintiff firm had been told the tonnage of the boat was 700 gross but not nett, as stated. As the plaintiff firm was not prepared to execute a lease, the \$1,000 would be forfeit and they would be held liable for all losses, damages or expenses incurred by reason of failure to execute a lease.

Plaintiff's Evidence.

Chan Tim, manager of the plaintiff firm, said his firm imported sand from Cheung Kai in Hoi Fung. During the negotiations, witness asked how many tons nett could the steamer carry and he was told 700 tons nett. He understood that to mean that 700 tons of sand could be put on board.

Witness agreed to lease the ship and paid two sums of \$500 each as deposits, but when the surveyor had him the vessel was only 400 tons nett, he refused to execute the lease.

In reply to his Lordship, witness said that whereas an average junk carried 60 tons of sand at 20 cents per picul, if a 700 tons nett steamer was used it would cost about 15 cents per picul.

Cross-examined by Mr. Arculli, witness denied that the reason why he would not execute the lease was because he could not get a permit until the time for the proposed charter had nearly run out.

Mr. Arculli also put it to witness that he never mentioned the tonnage matter until he received a letter from a solicitor, but witness denied this.

After further evidence had been called, his Lordship said it seemed to be a question of which side he believed.

SIR ERNEST SATOW PASSES AWAY.

FORMER MINISTER TO CHINA AND JAPAN.

FINE CAREER ENDED.

London, Aug. 26. The death has occurred of the Right Hon. Sir Ernest Mason Satow, P.C., G.C.M.G., well-known as former Minister to Japan and later to China.—Reuter.

The late Sir Ernest Satow, who was 86 years of age on June 30th last, was educated at Mill Hill School and University College, London. He was admitted as a barrister at Lincoln's Inn in 1887, and entered the diplomatic service as a student interpreter in 1886, becoming an interpreter in 1886.

He was Japanese Secretary to the British Legation in 1886, became Consul-General at Bangkok in 1888 and Minister Resident in the following year. In 1888, he was appointed Minister Resident at Montevideo, and in 1893 was made Minister at Morocco.

It was in 1895 that Sir Ernest Satow was transferred to Japan as Minister; and he remained there until appointed to Peking in 1900, where he was Minister for six years.

He was a skilled linguist, and in this connexion he wrote several text books on the Japanese language. He was also the author of several other works, the last of which, "A Diplomat in Japan," appeared in 1921. Since his retirement he had been living at Ottery St. Mary, in Devonshire.

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KAU SING DISPUTE.

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manoeuvres were undertaken in all weathers and in the open sea, but the conditions in the Atlantic or English Channel cannot be compared to picking up a tow in typhoon weather in the confined waters of Hongkong Harbour."

The "Saint" Class had plenty of room in which to manoeuvre and was not bound by considerations of time, whereas the Kau Sing is expected to pick up tow with the least possible delay. Time in her case is of paramount importance, for should there be any delay at all, the ship she is endeavouring to rescue may drift ashore. She has furthermore to manoeuvre in a confined space of water and amongst other ships.

Must be Handy.

Under these conditions the tug required to do the work must be the handiest possible; and the more facilities she possesses for turning sharply on her heel, such as would be given by the putting of one engine full astern in a twin screw vessel, the more efficient she becomes. A good example of this may be seen any day in Colombo Harbour where the two tugs Samson and Goliath, each of which is twin screw and of the same horse power as the Kau Sing, handle ships in the quickest manner possible in all conditions of weather.

With regard to (c) it may be conceded that the duties of a tug master are highly specialized, but if does not follow that a first class tug-master, accustomed to handling ships at ports such as London, Liverpool or on the Clyde would be an efficient tug master in Hongkong Harbour during a typhoon.

Not Economical.

Should a special tug master be imported for duties in the Kau Sing, he would be employed on this special work perhaps four days during the year under typhoon conditions, and would obtain the same amount of experience of handling the tug as does the Boarding Officer at present detailed as master and he would be of practically no use to the Harbour Department outside these special duties.

It is obvious that this would be an exceedingly uneconomical arrangement. The present practice is to detail the junior Boarding Officers for work in the Kau Sing and to give them as much experience as possible of handling the tug by

WATER POLO LEAGUE.

NAVY PLAY CLOSE GAME WITH KOWLOON "A."

In the water polo league yesterday, the Royal Navy played a very close game with the Kowloon "A," who won by two goals to nil, the points being scored late in the game. During the first half play was even, with the Kowloon representatives doing most of the attacking. The Navy men were content to keep their opponents well marked, and prevent them from scoring.

Simpson was the outstanding player for the Kowloon team, but he was given few opportunities to score. He took several flying shots at goal but the Navy backs were always on the alert. After a goalless first half, Simpson opened the scoring from a corner pass, while he added a somewhat similar point.

Chinese "A" v K.O.S.B. "A"

In the second match the Chinese "A," the weaker of the two Chinese teams, went down to the K.O.S.B. "A" by the odd goal in three. The soldiers, who were a heavy combination, used their weight to advantage and kept the Chinese out of their area.

Faulkner gave the soldiers the lead, while Finlayson added a second before the interval. The Chinese pressed hard after resuming, and were rewarded after several attacks on the opposition goal. Choy Chak-lau reduced the lead, but there was no further score, the military team winning by two goals to one.

League Table.

	P. W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
V.R.C. "A"	4	4	—	—	—	14 1 8
Chinese "B"	4	4	—	—	—	12 2 8
Kowloon "A"	5	1	—	—	—	13 3 8
V.R.C. "B"	4	2	—	—	—	9 4
K.O.S.B. "A"	5	2	—	—	—	10 4
Navy	5	2	—	—	—	17 4
Kowloon "B"	4	1	1	—	—	5 15 3
Somerset	4	1	—	—	—	8 15 2
Chinese "A"	5	1	—	—	—	9 2
K.O.S.B. "B"	4	—	1	3	—	8 1

sending them out in charge when the tug goes out for lighthouse reliefs and such duties. These officers have proved their efficiency, and I am of opinion that if the Kau Sing had been constructed as a twin screw craft there would be no possibility of delay in assisting ships in typhoon weather with these officers in command.

5. In conclusion I would reiterate my opinion that for the purpose for which the "Saint" Class of tugs was used during the War the Kau Sing is a most excellent and seaworthy craft, and would be extremely efficient for deep sea towage, for example, on a towing trip from Hongkong to Singapore, but that for work in confined waters with no room to manoeuvre and with the saving of time as the prime essential, she is unsatisfactory owing to her single screw.

(Sd.) G. F. HOLE,
Harbour Master.

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CHAPTER XXIV

The theatre was dimly lighted—and silently vast, it seemed to Jerry, who never before had been in an empty auditorium. They walked down to the front row of seats and stopped. Jerry could hear voices coming across the bare stage from the region that had always been a fascinating world of mystery to her.

"Lights," Mr. Weinertz bawled, and there was a scurry of feet in answer. A few seconds later the stage was flooded with light and the producer turned to Jerry with "come here."

"Will you walk through that door over there and go up on the stage, please?" he said.

Jerry glanced at Alester, her heart in her slippers. He took her by the arm and moved with her to the door.

"Don't forget what I told you, kiddo," he whispered. "Close your eyes while you dance and pretend you're a prima donna stopping the show."

Jerry forced a smile. Alester accompanied her to the stage and stood by while a piano was moved onto it at Mr. Weinertz's order. Then he left her, after dragging a chair from the wings and placing it near him.

A young man came out and seated himself at the piano. He did not look at Jerry and she thought he must have left some interesting occupation to play for her tryout, he seemed so suddenly bored about something.

More lights were turned on and she feared that the trembling in her knees could be seen from the front seats, where Alester had joined Mr. Weinertz.

Suddenly a jazz tune jangled out from the piano, and Jerry heard a voice calling to her to dance. She closed her eyes and attempted to obey. But her feet had become glued to the floor.

"All right, all right," Mr. Weinertz shouted to the piano player.

Then to Alester: "Go up and get your little friend, Al."

The music crashed to a stop. Jerry's heart turned to ice. She had failed, but they'd given her such a little time.

Alester was leading her off the stage in silence. She was too humiliated to look at him.

Mr. Weinertz was standing. He put out a hand and took one of hers.

"My my," he said; "what a cold hand it is. But that is fine, fine. All the true artists have stage fright. The others—pooh—no imagination. I would not want a girl even in my chorus who was like that!" He pushed Jerry gently into a seat. "Now you will sit here and get used to the theatre," he went on, "while we hear some singers."

Jerry felt a surge of relief come over her that brought tears to her eyes. She sank back in the seat with a big sigh. Alester began to talk rapidly, inconsequently, and she knew that he, too, had been misled by Jake Weinertz's calling her off the stage; that he was evincing relief.

When she found herself on the stage the second time she was able to dance—not as well as she could, but well enough to satisfy Mr. Weinertz that she possessed grace and a sense of rhythm.

He was willing he told her, to engage her for the chorus, but he hoped she realized that a lot of hard work was attached to the job. Jerry said she would be glad to work hard. It couldn't be, she thought, with an inward smile, so very hard to practice dance steps. Why, dancing was fun. It was the fear of being rudely bawled out that bothered her.

Jerry asked what an audition was. Ordinarily she would not have done that, but she wanted to say something, something about the theatre, and she knew practically nothing concerning it.

"It's the test we give to voices," Mr. Weinertz explained. "Those singers Mr. Arradonde selects at his auditions come here and sing for me. They must be judged for appearance and stage presence, as well as for voice," he added conversationally.

Jerry was glad she hadn't been asked to sing, doubly so when, a little later, several young women came onto the stage and hovered nervously around the piano. The pianist was called and again took his place. One of the singers stepped forth at a signal from a small, dark man with grey hair at his temples whom Jerry had not seen step out of the wings, and took a place nearer the proscenium.

The pianist struck up a lyric air and the aspirant for stage honours opened her mouth to sing. Jerry thought she must surely be frightened to death, but her notes came true and pure. Mr. Weinertz nodded his head. Jerry could see that the dark-haired man was watching him expectantly. She held her breath for the girl on the stage.

"Too bad; too bad," he muttered sadly. "A lovely voice, but handy legs...."

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FOREIGN MINISTER EXPRESS PROPAGANDA.

Shanghai, Aug. 26.

The Foreign Minister, Dr. C. T. Wang, interviewed by Reuter, declared that the Government was determined to adhere to the terms of the Sino-Russian Agreement of 1924 (under which it was stipulated that the Chinese Eastern Railway should be managed by China and Russia jointly), but that "with ample proofs of underground subversive Communist propaganda carried on in the past and planned for the future, China cannot possibly agree to return to the *status quo* as a preliminary to opening negotiations, knowing that the return of Soviet consular officials and proteges will unfailingly result in more intensive Communist propaganda, unless ample guarantees are forthcoming that such subversive will terminate."

Questioned regarding reports of frequent clashes on the frontier, the Minister said he could assert unhesitatingly that no Chinese troops have stepped on Soviet soil. They are well back from the frontier, in pursuance of the Government's rigid policy that the Chinese forces must abstain from acts of aggression. This policy has been so forcibly impressed on the Chinese troops that in a recent incident, although Soviet troops advanced into Chinese territory, to within twenty-five feet of a detachment of Chinese troops, the latter held their fire till the Russians opened fire.

Dr. Wang remarked as to this, "Russian propaganda concerning the situation at the frontier is based on the usual plan of Russia's perfect innocence of all wrongdoing and the customary stories of imaginary atrocities on the part of the enemy troops, though it is uncontestedly proved that the Soviets have been conducting systematically and regularly raiding parties into Chinese territory, taking a daily toll of Chinese lives, including civilians, and wantonly destroying property."

Dr. Wang deplored the fact that Soviet propaganda was purposely misleading the Russian people to believe that Russia was the aggrieved party. He was happy to note, however, that it was not blinding the world to the actual facts and the true situation.

The Foreign Minister asserted that the relations between the Nanking and Mukden authorities were harmonious.—*Reader*,

A FATAL FIGHT.

CHINESE GUIDE CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER.

A fatal fight which took place on Friday afternoon in a shop at No. 20, Jervois Street, had a Court sequel, in the arraignment of a man before Mr. E. W. Hamilton yesterday afternoon on a charge of manslaughter.

For the police, A. S. P. Murphy said that Ng Yung, the accused, and Leung Yiu, alias Charlie Leung, the man who was killed in the fight, were both guides who, proceeding on a system of commission based on purchases, had been giving their services to foreign visitors to the Colony.

It seems that the two men found themselves together in a shop at No. 20, Jervois Street on Friday afternoon, and the accused is alleged to have struck Charlie Leung in the chest with his open hand. A struggle ensued, after which Leung was seen to stagger and support himself against a sewing machine. He then fell on his back, and did not move again.

"The doctor," continued Mr. Murphy, "associated death with shock and injuries to the head. There was an inclined wound in the back of the head, and we might have some difficulty in associating that wound with the fall. No instruments, as far as we can ascertain at present, were used."

Upon an application from Mr. Murphy for time to make further enquiries, the case was formally remanded for a week.

LOCAL RADIO.

TO-DAY'S BROADCAST PROGRAMME.

Broadcast by Z.B.W. on 350 metres. 5.30-6.30 p.m. Programme of Chinese music. (Records supplied through the courtesy of Messrs. Sincero Co. Ltd.).

7.45 p.m. Evening weather report.

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At a sitting on July 11 of the Anglo-German Mixed Arbitral Tribunal—the Court comprising Dr. H. Klaestad (Norwegian President), Mr. Heber Hart, K.C. (British member), and Dr. Wenzel (German member)—there came up the adjourned hearing of a claim for £150, brought by J. Dey and Co., of London, against G. Martiny and Co., German nationals, of Shanghai, in respect of the insurance of goods in ships which were at sea when the war broke out in August, 1914.

A solicitor represented claimants, with Mr. Ivor McGowan, counsel for the British Clearing Office, and Dr. Huecking was for the German Clearing Office and the respondents.

Dr. Huecking explained that they had been unable to get certain evidence in time from Shanghai, and asked for a further adjournment.

The solicitor said they were prepared to submit certain documentary evidence indicating that no premiums had been returned to the claimant company in respect of the insurance. The claimants had every authority to effect the insurances on the property, which they put about as forwarding agents, of their own accord, and especially because it was impossible to get instructions at that time from Shanghai by cable. They had present several witnesses.

Dr. Huecking said he had no objection to those witnesses being heard the meantime.

Mr. E. A. S. Tate, of J. H. Wackerbarth and Co., ship and insurance brokers, said that in 1914 his firm acted for claimants as insurance broker, insuring the goods in question and already on the water for shipment to Shanghai. The premiums were paid by cheque on Aug. 8. It was a rule that all war insurance risks should be paid before delivery of the policies. It was not true that any of the premiums paid were retained, with one exception which was not in the claim.

After further evidence it was decided to resume the hearing in December next.

RIVER INCIDENT.

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How his launch was sunk during the typhoon last Thursday is described in a report which the coxswain of the launch, Washington, made to the Harbour Office yesterday.

The Washington on Thursday was on her way down from Wuchow to Hongkong, towing two lighters, San Min Lee and Tak Shing Wo, each of which had a cargo of timber. At Kau Kong they ran into the typhoon and took shelter close to the river bank, where they immediately dropped anchor.

The storm got worse and the coxswain of the Washington was compelled to slip tow to get his launch under control. After a while, the launch was beached, but took a heavy list and sank. All the members of the crew landed safely.

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SCHNEIDER CUP CONTEST.

ITALY'S PARTICIPATION INTENTIONS.

DECISION WITHHELD.

London, Aug. 27. While it is sincerely hoped in British aviation circles that it will be possible for Italy to compete in the race, America's failure being regarded as almost certain, Italy's intention regarding the Schneider Trophy contest is still obscure.

It is believed that the Italian authorities are withholding a definite decision pending a meeting of the Schneider Trophy Committee to-morrow, when Italy is credited with the intention to submit a proposal for a miniature Anglo-Italian Schneider Race, in which the actual trophy will not be involved.

Meanwhile, Reuter's correspondent at Rome reports that the Italian team have been instructed to keep themselves in readiness to leave for England.

The final decision as regards participation, he adds, will probably be postponed until after the arrival of the team in England.—*Reuter*.

Desenzano, Aug. 26. The body of Captain Giuseppe Motta, the Schneider Trophy pilot who was drowned in an accident last week, has been found at a depth of from 150 to 200 feet in the Lago di Garda.—*Reuter*.

30,000 SMUGGLED CIGARETTES.

MAXIMUM FINE ON A SHIP'S HAWKER.

The maximum fine of \$500 was inflicted by Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg at the Central Police Court this morning, on a Chinese charged with the possession of 30,000 dutiable cigarettes.

Prosecuting, Revenue Officer Grimmiott said the seizure resulted from a search carried out by Revenue Officers immediately upon the return of the ss. Sui Tai last evening. A hawker of established sold to passengers the defendant admitted ownership of the cigarettes which were found concealed with a deck space-rented by him at \$37 a month.

In the position in which the defendant was placed on board, he enjoyed exceptional facilities for smuggling goods, the Magistrate being asked to take this into account when considering the punishment.

WATCH STOLEN ON STEAMER.

CASE ADJOURNED OWING TO COMPLAINANT'S ABSENCE.

When a case, in which a Chinese was charged with larceny of a watch from on board the s.s. Coblenz, was mentioned before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, it was stated that the ship left port early in the morning and Mr. Ulbright, the complainant, was not available.

Defective Sergeant Kellett, who appeared for the prosecution, intimated that the ship would not be back in Hongkong until September 21, and asked for a week's formal remand.

His Worship asked what good a week's remand would do, and was told that it was intended next week to make an application for a further week's remand, pending the return of the Coblenz.

The defendant was accordingly remanded till next Tuesday.

GLOUCESTER BEATS WARWICK.

LOW SCORING MATCH AT CHELTENHAM.

London, Aug. 26. In the county championship today, their last match but one, Gloucester defeated Warwickshire by 106 runs. Bowlers held the upper hand throughout, and the game was brought to a close in two days.

Gloucester took first knock (the match was at Cheltenham) and compiled 173, Mayer taking 6 wickets for 66 runs.

In reply Warwick made 102, no player putting up long resistance to the Gloucester attack. The home county made 200 in their second venture, leaving Warwick with the task of scoring 227 to win. They failed, however, the last wicket falling this afternoon at 165.—*Reuter*.

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MUNITIONS DEPOT EXPLOSION.

CHINESE REPORT HIGH CASUALTIES.

SOVIET SYMPATHISERS HELD RESPONSIBLE.

FRONTIER SITUATION.

Shanghai, Aug. 26.

Further details of the sensational explosion of the munition depot near the West Gate, Nanking City, have come to hand from Chinese sources reporting that immediately after the explosion a serious fire developed, spreading over a wide area and destroying a large number of Chinese residences.

The exact number of casualties is not known but according to one Chinese report, a battalion of soldiers were "residing" at the munition depot at the time of the explosion and only 35 soldiers escaped unscathed, the remainder being killed or wounded.

The damage is estimated to exceed \$200,000.

Martial Law Enforced.

Another fire broke out at ten o'clock and this was not got under control until the afternoon. Chinese officials blame Communists for the disaster, while others attribute the explosion to the heat and to the fact that a large quantity of arms and munitions was stored in very limited space at the depot.

Martial law was enforced immediately and the police have so far detained over 700 suspects for enquiry.

New Nanking Envoy.

Nanking, Aug. 26. Arrangements have been made between Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, president of the Central Government, and officials of the Manchurian Provincial Government under which the former will be kept in the closest touch with all developments on the Sino-Soviet frontier. In this connexion, another special envoy, Mr. Kee Tang, has been sent by Marshal Chiang Kai-shek to Mukden, with the latest instructions from the State Council.

Mr. Kee Tang left Nanking last night for Shanghai, en route to Mukden. The mission of Mr. Kee Tang is understood to be to bring about the desired concord in the policies of the Nanking and Manchurian Governments. He will first interview General Chang Hsueh-liang, head of the Manchurian Government, at Mukden, after which he will depart for Kirin to confer with General Chang Tae-hsiung, Military Governor of Kirin Province.

Mr. Kee takes with him a number of letters addressed by Marshal Chiang Kai-shek to Manchurian leaders including Chang Hsueh-liang and General He Chen-chun, the Nanking chief-of-staff, now at Mukden assisting Chang Hsueh-liang.

Negotiation Possible?

Harbin, Aug. 26. With the continuance of the lull on the borders, official Chinese opinion is that the improvement in the situation may lead to the resumption of unofficial negotiations between Chinese and Russian delegates.

An American official attached to the American Consulate at Mukden has returned from Manchuria and expressed the opinion that conditions on the border have improved considerably. It is considered most unlikely that the two countries will now go to war with each other.

The Chinese military authorities have completed their plans to concentrate heavy artillery and infantry at Harbin.

American Pacifists.

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Additional Forces.

A message from Reuter's correspondent at Malta stated that it is learned in authoritative circles that the aircraft carrier, H.M.S. Eagle, and two destroyers, have been refuelled and provisioned ready to leave for Palestine to-morrow.—*Reuter*.

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A BATHING DRESS WEDDING.

GUESTS PLUNGE INTO A POOL.

The 200 guests attending the wedding of Miss Dorothy Collins and Mr. Philip Legge, at St. Mary the Virgin Church, Hayes, Kent, were asked to bring bathing costumes.

Luckily the day was warm, and at the reception after the ceremony, many of the guests plunged into the bathing-pool at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Collins, of Greenways, Kenton, Kent. Mr. Arthur Collins is a well known municipal authority and financial adviser to public authorities.

Mr. Philip Legge is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Legge, of Boston Manor, Hayes, Kent, and a brother of Mr. Geoffrey Legge, the Kent cricket captain.

FAIR TO SHOWERY.

The Royal Observatory reports that pressure is highest near the Bonin and relatively low in a trough extending from Indo-China across Luzon to the Ladrones. The depression is approaching Hokkaido.

The forecast till noon to-morrow is: Easterly or variable winds, moderate, fair to showery.

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OFFICIAL WATER RETURNS.

BIG INCREASE IN ISLAND CONSUMPTION.

RESERVOIRS FILLING.

The official returns issued by the Water Authority this morning show that last week's consumption on the island totalled over 51,000,000 gallons, an increase of nearly 12,000,000 gallons on the previous week, which was itself the highest recorded consumption since restrictions were imposed early in the year.

In spite of the heavy expenditure, the reservoirs have gained largely. The report states:

The total storage in the island reservoirs on the morning of Monday, 26th August, amounted to 1,789,09 million gallons, showing an increase of 173,23 million gallons during the past week, the amount collected from streams being 224,70 million gallons.

The week's consumption amounted to 51,47 million gallons.

The total storage in the mainland reservoirs on the morning of Monday, 26th August, amounted to 461,41 million gallons, showing an increase of 9,06 million gallons during the past week.

The week's consumption amounted to 25,91 million gallons.

The yield from the Shing Mun River and streams during the week is 37,29 million gallons.

PALESTINE CRISIS.

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attack by an Arab mob on small Jewish quarters.

Inhabitants of the garden city of Talpiot have temporarily evacuated. Talpiot is near the railway station.

The casualties which occurred at Hebron are placed at 53 killed (45 Jews and eight Arabs) and injured (59 Jews and ten Moslems). Four hundred and fifty Jews have been temporarily accommodated in the Police barracks and the town is now quiet.

Alarm at Jaffa.

The situation at Jaffa was temporarily alarming in view of a possible demonstration and the risk of a clash at Tel Aviv, but the District authorities succeeded in averting the trouble for the moment and the acting High Commissioner is convinced that the arrival of H.M.S. Sussex, one of the new County class cruisers, would ease the situation. Sussex is expected at Jaffa early to-day. Nabulus remained uneasy but an outbreak had so far been averted. Gaza and Beersheba were quiet, but restive.

Official Proclamation.

The Colonial Office adds that the Acting High Commissioner issued the following Proclamation on Sunday:

"This is to give notice to the public of Palestine that His Majesty's forces are being operated in the country with the sole object of quelling the present disturbances and promptly restoring order. Exceptional measures of repression will be avoided as far as possible but the troops will not hesitate to use force against all disturbers of the peace without distinction."

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